

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Planning Commission Chair Jon Groveman; Road Foreman Dan Tetreault; Stranahan Stewardship Committee Member Jim Brimblecombe; Will Walters (Hardwick Gazette)

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Christopher Martin.

Changes or additions to the agenda: The Selectboard added an item, the appointment of a library trustee, as requested by the Library Board.

Salvage Yard Certificate of Approved Location: Chair Martin opened the hearing on the Holm Certificate of Approved Location. Clerk Brimblecombe stated that the applicant and adjoining landowners were mailed notice on September 4, and the warning was posted on the same date. The applicant did not appear until 7:00 p.m.; no witnesses appeared.

John Warshow feels that groundwater monitoring should be performed by a professional at the applicant's expense, and he has concerns that the DRB decision states that the operation will decrease over time but there is no prescribed method to be sure of that.

The salvage yard fact sheet provided to us by the state indicates that the Selectboard can add municipal standards. The Board discussed the best method to test for environmental contamination. Jon Groveman suggested the best way would be to have the applicant hire an engineer to prepare a monitoring plan at his own expense.

John moved that we accept and adopt the findings of fact, conclusions of law and decision of the DRB dated 7/25/14, and issue the Certificate of Approved Location for a term of one year, with the following three conditions:

1. Within 45 days the applicant will have prepared and delivered at his own expense a proposal for monitoring groundwater and drinking water for contamination, said plan to be prepared by a Vermont licensed hydrogeologist, and immediately thereafter the plan will be implemented.
2. Within 45 days the applicant will provide a list of vehicles currently on the premises with their VIN numbers if available. Going forward, the applicant will provide an accounting of all vehicles coming in and going out, with their VIN numbers, annually with the recertification application.
3. Within 45 days the applicant will provide an accounting of the amount of waste currently on the property. Going forward, the applicant will provide an accounting of the amount of waste on the property, annually with the recertification application.

Mr. Holm arrived at this point in the meeting. The motion was re-read for his benefit. He asked what would be involved in the groundwater testing. John explained that there are concerns about groundwater contamination. A hydrogeologist would have to make the determination about what kind of testing would be appropriate.

Andrew explained that the accounting of the number of cars is being asked so the Board will know if the operation is expanding or contracting.

Mr. Holm stated that the trailers and trucks on site are used for storage. There is an office trailer on site, and a barn. There are a number of house trailers on site, also used for storage.

Mr. Holm stated that he has had several site visits from ANR. Andrew asked if there is anything else he wants to tell us.

John stated the Selectboard wants to be sure there is no onsite contamination. Mr. Holm questioned where contamination would come from. He believes there could only be spot contamination. Andrew stated the Board just wants to be sure, and an expert would know how and where to test.

Chris seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Board asked Mr. Holm to fill out the application form that is provided by the Agency of Natural Resources.

The hearing closed at 7:15.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Jon Groveman stated that the CVRPC deals with issues of emergency management, economic development, and other issues that are not necessarily applicable to the local Planning Commission. Faeterri Silver is the current Marshfield representative but she will be submitting her resignation due to time constraints. The Planning Commission feels that someone else other than a member of the local Planning Commission should be appointed; perhaps the seat would be better suited to a Selectboard member or a member of the Fire Department.

Stranahan Town Forest: The Stranahan Stewardship Committee submitted a recommendation to extend the sugaring lease to 2025, in order to make the sugarmaker eligible for USDA funding. Jim explained that the initial lease was for 15 years, renewable in 5 year increments unless there was a problem.

Chris moved to approve the extension of the lease of the Stranahan Town Forest to James Brimblecombe of Brimblecombe's Sugarhouse to May 15, 2025. John seconded - all in favor.

Jim stated that the Committee is not yet ready to advertise the logging job. The committee is looking at ways to access the proposed logging areas without crossing wetlands. Ed Jalbert is working on the

prospectus and should have it finished soon. The Selectboard will have final approval on the job.

Bills: John has negotiated with Nortrax regarding two recent invoices for grader repairs. We have been invoiced \$471.06 for a switch for the new grader; that invoice includes \$225 for travel time and mileage for a \$79.87 part. They will split the cost with us. There was another part that was faulty, covered under warranty, but the travel time and mileage are not covered by the warranty. The travel and mileage charge was \$900. They agreed to deduct \$150.

Bridges: Dan received three quotes for repairs to the Onion River bridge.

Blow & Cote:	\$32,514
Tremblay:	\$18,456
Gendron Building:	\$7,500

Chris moved to accept Gendron's bid, and to authorize any one Selectboard member to sign a contract. Andy seconded – all in favor.

Extended Warranty: John has talked with Clark's Truck Center about the various extended warranties that are available. The standard chassis warranty is only 90 days. Dan noted that a neighboring town with a 2012 truck has to pay \$7,000 for one repair because they did not get an extended warranty. John moved to buy the extended engine warranty for 60 months/100,000 miles/3600 hours for \$2,340; the extended chassis and transmission warranty for 60 months/100,000 miles/unlimited hours for \$5,460; and the towing warranty, up to 60 months, unlimited miles, for \$1,400. Chris seconded – all in favor.

Executive Session: At approximately 8:00, John moved to find a necessity to enter executive session to discuss a matter that if discussed prematurely would put the town at a competitive disadvantage. Andrew seconded – all in favor. John moved to enter executive session based on that finding. Chris seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 8:45.

Library Trustee: At the request of the Board of Library Trustees, Chris moved to appoint Joshua Hayes-High as Library Trustee, to fill the vacancy created when Pam Quinn resigned. The appointment will be in effect until Town Meeting, when voters will select someone. Andrew seconded – all in favor.

Fuel Bids: The Board opened and read two bids for fuel.

	Heating Oil	Diesel
Suburban Propane, Floating (no fixed price)	3.418	3.441
Dead River, Floating	3.1205	3.1194
Dead River, Fixed	3.2113	3.3525

Chris moved to accept Dead River’s floating price for both diesel and heating oil. John seconded – all in favor.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Board approved requests for Suncommon to use the Old Schoolhouse Common as a meeting place. They approved a request for Rhythm of the Rein to use the parking area for horse trailers.

Computers: The Board approved Bobbi’s request to buy new desktop computers for the town office. She will buy either a less-expensive laptop or a tablet for minutes and elections.

Tree Removal on Hillside Drive: Lincoln Earle-Centers will be removing the trees in the next month.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: Chris talked to Dan about the specification. The town will advertise for someone to clear “the south side of Route 2 from Marshfield Village Store to Gilman Street, and the north side of Route 2 from the Cabot Road to Creamery Street.” The Selectboard will have the bidders suggest frequency of work.

Martin Covered Bridge: Rich Phillips is reviewing the baseline documentation report.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The Board approved the minutes of July 15, August 5, August 19, and September 2.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the September 16, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
